

About our Recipient:

Carol Berz is the Chief Executive Officer of Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC, a mediation services and training organization headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and serves as a Chattanooga City Councilwoman representing District 6.

A civil and family mediator, Dr. Berz is listed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee as a Rule 31 Neutral and Trainer in General Civil and Family Mediation and as a Trainer in the special circumstance of Domestic Violence. Formerly the Director of Forensic Services for Joseph W. Johnson Mental Health Center, and subsequently its Executive Director.

Dr. Berz served as the Chair of the Curriculum and Continuing Education Committee of the Mediation Association of Tennessee before becoming its President in March, 1998. She also chaired the Mediation component of the Hamilton County Courts' Pilot Project relative to Tennessee's Parenting Plan law and spent eleven years as a commissioner with the Chattanooga Human Rights/Human Relations Commission, dealing with employment and civil rights matters. Dr. Berz was the first woman Chairperson of that body. Dr. Berz is a 1995 graduate of Leadership America in Washington, D.C., and is a former President of the Board of Directors, and life member of, the Moccasin Bend Girl Scout Council. She served on the Governor's Task Force on Church Burnings and presently serves on the Executive Committee for the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, for whom she heads the Economic Impact Committee. She is the 2004 recipient of the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce Athena Award, a sustaining member of Chattanooga's Women's Leadership Institute, and recently was honored by the City of Chattanooga for her unique contributions toward advancing equality of opportunity among the citizens of the City.



Jocelyn D. Wurzburg Civil Rights Legacy Award



Tennessee Human Rights Commission Honors

Councilwoman, Dr. Carol Berz



Jocelyn Wurzburg

Civil Rights Legacy Award

Criteria

- ◆ Long term advocate of human rights whose life work embodies the ideals and principles of inclusion, equity, equality, access and diversity.
- ◆ Demonstrates a consistent pattern of commitment to the elimination of discrimination.
- ◆ Cultivates and promotes initiatives that establish and foster a more inclusive and equitable community and environment.
- ◆ Exhibits visionary and insightful leadership to confront and resolve human rights issues.

PROGRAM

Remarks

Presentation of the Award

Remarks from the
Recipient